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In re Patent Application of:  
Masaru Inoue et al.

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For: THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN  
PLATE AND SUSPENSION CORRECTION  
APPARATUS, AND CORRECTION  
METHOD

Examiner: S. M. Heinrich

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections discussed below.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA"), including JP Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-339894, in view of U.S. Patent 7,133,257 to Chang et al. (hereinafter "Chang et al.") in view of U.S. Patent 6,548,009 to Khlif et al. (hereinafter "Khlif et al."), in view of Tomohisa et al. (previously applied) and Kojima et al. (previously applied).

Chang et al. discloses a method for adjusting the twist, crown and camber of an air bearing surface of a slider to substantially match final target values for twist, crown and camber, the slider having a back surface opposite the air bearing surface.